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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/584,566	FORBES ET AL.
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/28/02

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

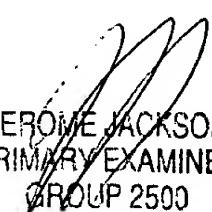
Claims 1-11,13-17,19-23, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiguchi IEDM.

The previous rejection still applies. The new limitation "having sub lithographic dimension" does not structurally distinguish over the prior art because the prior art floating gate dimension is 0.1um which is sub optical lithographic dimensions. The Horiguchi device was made by electron beam processing which enables sub optical lithographic dimensions. The product by process limitations do not structurally distinguish over the applied art. See the previously recited caselaw. Note again that it is the final product which determines patentability in a product by process claim, not the process.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiguchi in view of Watanabe or Hong.

The previous rejection with the above comments applies.

Applicant's arguments filed 2/28/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As stated above and contrary to applicant's, Horiguchi does not use standard optical lithographic dimensions, he uses electron beam lithography to produce sub optical lithographic dimensions. Again note that "sub lithographic" is broad and undistinguishing over the applied art.


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